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TOPIC Military Training Area from the Altenrabbow Training Area

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- 25X1 [redacted] 1. On 28 April 1951, the artillery unit from Bornburg was billeted in buildings 11a and 11b of the North Camp at Altenrabbow. Other units bivouacked in tents and earth shelters at Rosenkrug, northwest of Doernitz, and in the Krachtholz woods. By 28 April, only one general remained at the troop training grounds, and he lived in building No. 2. Eight other generals arrived for inspections of one or two days. Building No. 6 was occupied by officers of the artillery unit from Rathenow. The three grain silos were being converted into a ration depot which was under the administration of the artillery unit from Rathenow. Cold-storage rooms were being installed. Four field bakeries, which arrived about 20 April, were operated on day and night shifts. The permanent bakery installation has been completed. It has four tiers of ovens and was to be put into operation on 15 May. (1) The troops which are permanently stationed in Altenrabbow moved to Camp Delle about 10 April. (2) [redacted] 25X1
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- 25X1 [redacted] 2. [redacted] learned from Soviet officers that artillery units from Brandenburg and Burg recently arrived at Altenrabbow. The officers said that from 6,000 to 7,000 troops were at Altenrabbow. From 12 to 15 canvas-covered artillery pieces were seen in an open shed between the barracks installation and the entrance of the troop camp. Six trucks, each carrying about 15 soldiers and towing a 100 mm AT gun, moved through Gross Luebars toward Hohenlobbesee. Three of the trucks were [redacted] Trucks with ammunition, which were seen traveling toward Altenrabbow on the Magdeburgerforth-Altenrabbow highway. [redacted] 25X1
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Other vehicles seen in the Altengrabow area

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Comments.

- (1) The arrival of component units of the unidentified AT Arty Brig, possibly the 3d Gds, from Bernburg between 16 and 22 April 1951 was previously reported. Building numbers can be identified on a sketch of the installations at Altengrabow, attached to a previous report.
- (2) Components of the unidentified Gun Arty Brig, possibly the 44th, of the Third Shock Army are believed to be permanently stationed at Altengrabow. Elements of the brigade may have moved from Magdeburg to Letzling Heath in mid-April 1951.
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- (4) Almost all of the vehicle of the IV Arty Corps and the unidentified AT Arty Brig, possibly the 3d Gds, the movement of which to Altengrabow in April 1951 is known from several previous reports.

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